

**Forty Fort Borough  
Council Meeting  
August 3, 2020**

**Call to order**

Gavel strike of President of Council Jeffrey McLaughlin, called tonight's meeting to order.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Reverend Lukish led the invocation along with Mayor Andy Tuzinski leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

President Jeffrey McLaughlin ordered a roll call. Members in attendance were President Jeffrey McLaughlin, Vice President Thomas Murray, Phil Mertz, Frank Mazza, David Sieminski and Cara Devine. Borough Mayor Andy Tuzinski, Chief of Police Daniel Hunsinger, Borough Manager Bonnie Arnone, Borough Secretary Michele Pascarella, DPW Supervisor Rick Kamus, Attorney Shannon Lapansky for Attorney William Finnegan, Police Chief Daniel Hunsinger, Mayor Andy Tuzinski, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Craig and 4 visitors were in attendance. Kristy Dadurka was absent.

**Public Comments**

Jerry Lamark of 26 Pomona Street gave an update of the park donations and bricks. The donation amount as of today is \$13,400.00 and 24 bricks. Camera's will be done first. He stated that he may have donations adding up to \$100,000.00 between Luzerne Bank, Merricle and the Casino. The fort for the park is estimated at \$35,000.00

Eric Reinhart of 112 Dana asked Council where they are with disc golf. Council will talk with Luzerne County for approval.

**Consent Agenda**

Matters listed with the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are routine and will be enacted by one motion of Council. If separate discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action. The resolutions listed below are submitted by Borough Council for the review and will be adopted by one motion. These items have been presented to the council at the prior month's work session for review. Motion to approve and/or accept the following consent agenda items

- 06/15/2020 Council work session minutes

- 7/6/2020 Council meeting minutes
- June 2020 Code Office Report
- June 2020 Kingston Fire Chief Report
- June 2020 Police Chief Report
- June 2020 Treasure's Report
- June 2020 Manager's Time Sheets
- June 2020 Forty Fort Fire Chief Report
- June 2020 Tax Collector Report
- 1/6/2020 Civil Service Minutes
- 11/21/19 Civil Service Minutes
- 6/18/2020 Civil Service Minutes
- 7/18/19 Civil Service Minutes
- 6/8/2020 Shade Tree meeting minutes
- 3/17/2020 WWSA meeting minutes
- 4/28/2020 WWSA meeting minutes
- 9/19/19 Civil Service minutes

Motion was made by Frank Mazza and seconded by Dave Sieminski. All were in favor, motion passed.

### **Council Action Items**

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski for Resolution 10 of 2020-Appointment to Boards & Commission for Brian Sweigart as an alternate to Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded by Phil Mertz. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cara Devine for Ordinance 4 of 2020-Ticketing Ordinance for Code Office. The motion was seconded by Frank Mazza. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Phil Mertz for the COVID Travel Policy. The motion was seconded by Dave Sieminski. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Phil Mertz for the hiring of 2 crossing guards. James Martin and Kristle Kalinowsky. The motion was seconded by Cara Devine. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **Correspondence**

- Berkheimer EIT letter-expect a monthly reduction due to COVID
- CDBG Grant approval letter-\$150,000.00 must be used by 12/31/2020
- PENDOT Multimodal Bike Trail Grant rejection

## **Old News**

Luzerne County Tax deadline decision

Plans for River St. curbing and roadway restoration- will meet with Chris Getz of PENDOT

Park Donations as of 7.31.2020

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Dave Sieminski for the Fire Department Office upgrades- approximately \$16,000.00 for doors and windows. Use the Capital Reserve account unless the Cares Act will cover. Bonnie Arnone will find out what can be used under the Care Act and will bring to the work session. Motion was seconded by Phil Mertz. Frank Mazza abstained from voting. All were in favor motion passed.

Borough Building River St. door replacement-will the Care Act cover? Bonnie Arnone will find out what can be used under the Care Act and will bring to the work session.

Pool and Park camera quotes- Acme Lock estimate of \$989.00

Hiring of Police Officers- Chief Hunsinger stated 5 applicants will be tested weekend of 7/15/2020

Dave Sieminski suggested the Council meetings be at the Pavilion in the park weather permitting so that we could socially distance and not have to wear masks. Attorney Shannon Lapansky stated that this change would have to be advertised.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm to an Executive Session to discuss  
-Update on Police Contract negotiations  
-Fire Personnel

The next meeting will be a work session on Monday August 17, 2020 at 7:00PM in council chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Pascarella  
Borough Secretary

